

February 9, 2005

Ref: 2592-19574

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoirs F, G & H  
PINE RIDGE FIELD  
Calasieu Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Mayne & Mertz, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Mayne & Mertz, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoirs F, G & H, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create three (3) single drilling and production gas and condensate units of approximately 320 acres for the Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir F, Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir G and the Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir H, designated as the L HBY RF SUA, L HBY RG SUA and L HBY RH SUA, Pine Ridge Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject s may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Lower Hackberry Sand in the Pine Ridge Field was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1098-B-3, effective December 20, 1988 and is further defined in the Lower Hackberry Sand, Reservoir A in Office of Conservation Order No. 1098-B, effective September 7, 1983.

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on February 9, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference. The rights of the parties were reserved.

The conference was opened by Mr. William F. Bailey. Mr. Bill McAlister of Leon Comeaux & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. All rights were reserved. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the L HBY RF SUA, L HBY RG SUA and L HBY RH SUA, Pine Ridge Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Bill McAlister of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties and parties on attendance list

